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Subject: \$265 million in Damages Awarded to MO Farmer over Dicamba

The below new from last month may interest you.

“A federal jury in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has ruled in favor of Bader Farms, a Campbell, Missouri, peach farm, in its dicamba lawsuit against Bayer and BASF. The jury awarded Bader Farms \$265 million in damages.” [Successful Farming]

“Prior to their acquisition by Bayer, Monsanto released the first dicamba-resistant seeds in 2015, without releasing the approved correlating herbicide until 2017. For that 2-year gap, Bader Farms’ harvest from their thousand-acre operation dropped from an average of 162,000 bushels in the early 2000s to as low as 12,000 bushels in 2018, as older, more volatile, and illegally sprayed forms of dicamba drifted from nearby fields growing dicamba-resistant seeds. ...

The Missouri jury found that Monsanto was negligent in releasing the dicamba-tolerant seeds without the herbicide...The jury also found Monsanto and BASF were negligent in releasing new versions of dicamba falsely advertised as less likely to drift...The Bader Farms lawsuit is the first of around 150 filed by farmers scheduled to go to trial this year.” [Indiana Public Media]

<https://www.agriculture.com/news/business/bader-farms-wins-dicamba-lawsuit-against-bayer-basf>

<https://indianapublicmedia.org/eartheats/missouri-peach-farmers-awarded-265-million-in-dicamba-lawsuit.php>

<https://www.agri-pulse.com/articles/13182-missouri-peach-farm-wins-15m-in-dicamba-damage-case>

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To report environmental violations visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents>

Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!

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